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Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (currently amended) An image forming apparatus, comprising:
a substantially flat top face; ~~[[and]]~~
a ~~slanted~~ front face ~~[[.]]~~ slanted such that the bottom side ~~of which recedes~~
~~backward thereof receding in a particular direction towards a back face of the image forming~~
~~apparatus; and~~
a paper discharge tray and a paper feed tray both disposed at a lower portion of the front
face, the paper discharge tray and paper feed tray both protruding in an opposite direction to the
particular direction.
2. (currently amended) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, ~~further~~
~~comprising: a paper discharge tray disposed at a lower portion of said slanted front face,~~
wherein the paper feed tray is provided under said paper discharge tray ~~protruding forward.~~
3. (currently amended) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1,
wherein said paper discharge tray is tiltable upward and downward.
4. (currently amended) The image forming apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1~~
~~through claim~~ 3, further comprising: ~~a paper feed tray disposed at a lower portion of said~~
~~slanted front face, said paper feed tray protruding forward~~ a release mechanism that, when the

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paper discharge tray is tilted upward, releases the pressure applied to the paper stacked in the paper feed tray.

5. (currently amended) The image forming apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 through 4~~ claim 3, ~~further comprising: an operations unit at a portion of said slanted front face; said operations unit protruding forward~~ wherein when the paper discharge tray is tilted upward, the paper feed tray moves in a direction opposite to that in which paper is fed.

6. (currently amended) The image forming apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 through claim 5~~, wherein ~~at least a portion of said top face including a front end thereof is formed as an openable top cover, and the bottom side of the front face of the top cover recedes backward~~ an opening of the paper feed tray is determined depending on an angle at which the paper discharge tray is tilted and a distance to which the paper feed tray is drawn.

Claims 7-27 (canceled).

28. (new) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the paper feed tray has an opening on a front face thereof, and has an end fence for blocking the opening.

29. (new) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the paper discharge tray covers the paper feed tray as a top cover thereof.

30. (new) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

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an operations unit provided on the front face, said operations unit protruding in the opposite direction to the particular direction.

31. (new) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
a recording head that discharges recording liquid for forming images.

32. (new) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 31, further comprising:
a sub-tank that supplies the recording liquid to the recording head; and
a recording liquid cartridge that supplies the recording liquid to the sub-tank.

33. (new) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 32, further comprising:
a cartridge loading unit in which the recording liquid cartridge is loaded, the cartridge loading unit provided on the front face.

34. (new) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 33, wherein the recording liquid cartridge is loaded to the cartridge loading unit in the direction in which the paper is fed.

35. (new) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
at least one of an operations unit, a connector to which an external resource is to be connected, a power switch, and another connector to which a power cable is to be connected is provided on the front face.